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July 16 2008 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes - Final July 16, 2008

Present: Christine Carney, Vita Cohen, Vice Chair, Christine Deshler, Nick Minton, Chair, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent: Sheri Baron, Marissa Briggett, Jorge Loayza, Nancy Rhoads

Open Forum –

Marie Raduazzo came to offer a program that she would like the commission to consider as a series of one to four sessions to heighten awareness and to have a better understanding of Nazi Germany wartime issues and how pain and despair still shape us today. Chair Minton related that the Commission would follow up with this later in the meeting.

Review of June Minutes – Minutes accepted by five attendees with two abstentions

Race and Place Dialogue Series Update – the film series regarding housing policies has been planned for November – besides local businesses the series will be opened to the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Sweeney and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to work with and co-sponsor this program. The motion was accepted. Commissioner Schultz made a motion to change our regular monthly meeting date of November 19th to November 12th.

Networks and Coalitions –

Arlington Common Threads update – (ACT) – efforts are continuing to get the web site working and they have a banner and a booth for Town Day.

MAHRC update – meeting discontinued for the summer.

Incident and Complaints –

Colonial Village incident – ongoing – subcommittee will continue to work with complainant - report from Commissioners forthcoming.

High School student incident – Commissioner Shea reported on his conversation with Chief Ryan regarding this incident. Chair Minton suggested we invite the Chief to come speak with us again and to update the Commission on the “Stop Data” program and other issues.

Subcommittee Reports –

Dialogues –

Bullying Dialogue is set for December 3rd at Robbins Library – Nancy Rhoads is working on these plans.

Follow up on Open Forum – Chair Minton made a motion for a January commitment on the Marie Raduazzo proposal suggesting that she work with the Dialogue subcommittee to further pursue planning.

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Disabilities Dialogue - March 4th - Commissioner Shea made a motion to approve up to \$200 as part of the planning for the dialogue on disabilities. Vice-chair Cohen seconded the motion that was accepted by all. Commissioner Schultz will relate our plans to the Disabilities Commission and ask if they would consider co-sponsoring this dialogue.

Schools – no report this month

Policies and Procedures – no report this month

Rapid Response/Publicity – no report this month

Other Business –

Because of the missed deadline Commissioner Carney will call Marie Krepelka to personally try to arrange for a booth for Town Day (*Saturday, September 20th*). Plans are still in the works. There is still a need for manning the booth, especially at the end of the day. Sign up sheet will be available for our next meeting. Commissioner Carney is making arrangements for running a video throughout the day.

Chair Minton will speak with Christine Connolly regarding new appointees to the Commission and updating our Town web page. Commissioner Deshler suggested inviting future applicants to attend a meeting first before making a decision to participate as a commissioner.

Chair Minton related a call from Barbara Boltz requesting the possibility that the AHRC work with the *Welcoming Mass: Immigrants Rights Initiative*. Commissioner Carney made a motion to accept this invitation, all agreed, motion accepted. Chair Minton will forward the information to all.

Chair Minton moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shea seconded. The meeting was concluded.

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